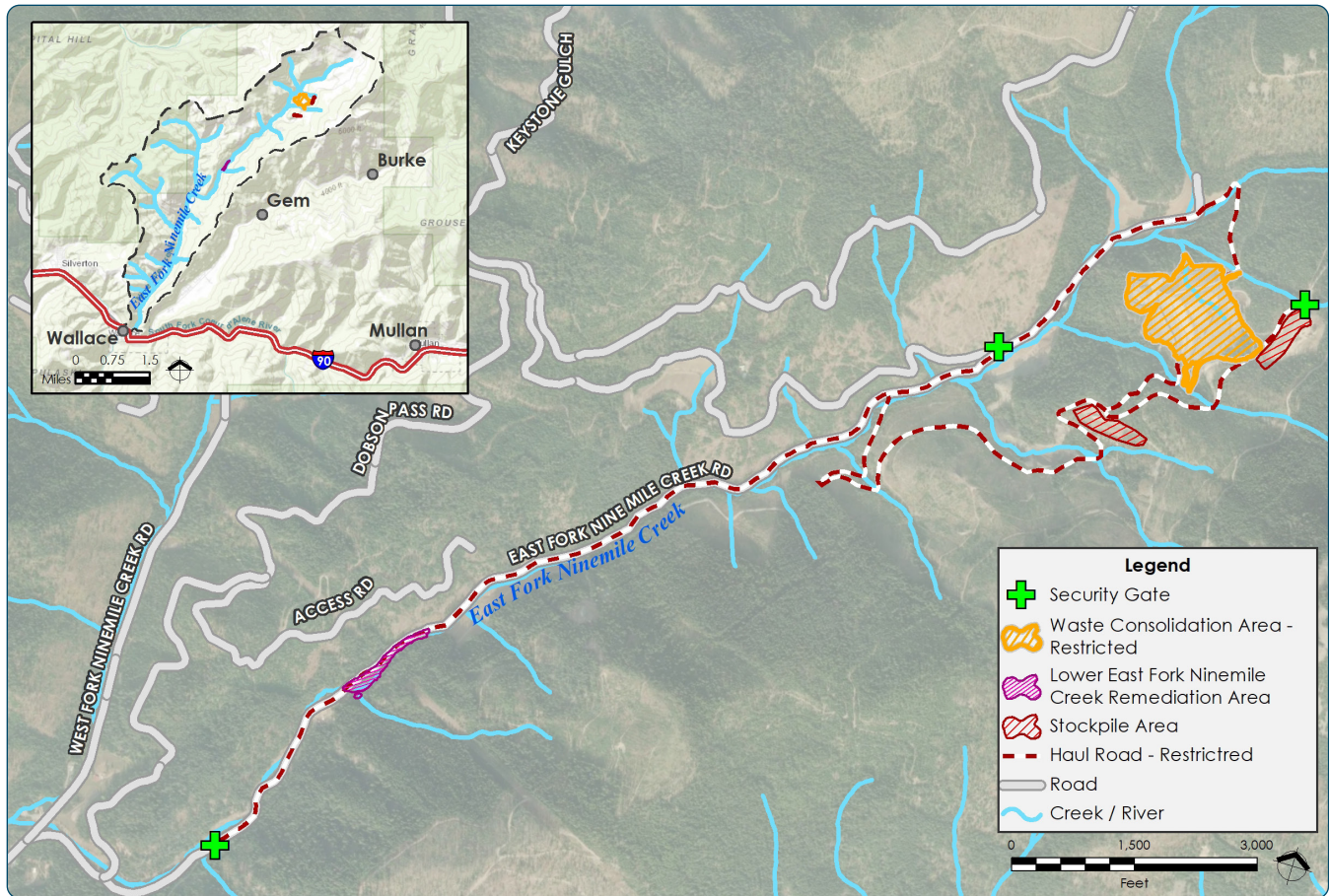


Cleanup activities will begin soon in Ninemile Basin, northeast of Wallace, Idaho. Over the years, we've been removing metals-contaminated materials from old mine and mill sites. This source control work prevents the contaminants from washing downstream, improving water quality and reducing exposures for people and wildlife. The CDA Work Trust will perform the work, under the direction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



Hauling Waste: Upper Portion of Lower East Fork Ninemile Creek Riparian Site

In mid-June, crews will start preparing for hauling 30,000 cubic yards of mine waste from the upper portion of the Lower East Fork Ninemile Creek Riparian Site. The waste contains lead and other metals that pose risks to people and the environment. It will be placed in the East Fork Ninemile Waste Consolidation Area. Hauling will take place **6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**, Monday through Friday. We expect the hauling will be completed by early October.

East Fork Ninemile Waste Consolidation Area

This waste consolidation area is near the top of East Fork Ninemile Canyon. Work was completed last year to add 500,000 cubic yards to its footprint, so it will have capacity to take in more waste from local cleanups. This year, we're preparing it to take in and safely contain waste hauled from the Lower East Fork Ninemile Creek Riparian Site. Groundwater and surface water sampling will continue at the waste consolidation area.

Lower Ninemile Creek Riparian Area

In early August, we will start an investigation in the Lower Ninemile Creek drainage. Crews will be digging test pits and collecting surface soil samples. The investigation will help us understand the nature and extent of contamination at this location. It will determine the need for a cleanup design that protects people and wildlife, and improves water quality. We expect work will wrap up in late August.

Ongoing Projects

A number of other Upper Basin cleanup investigations that began in past seasons will continue this year. Last year, we completed a large, multi-year cleanup at the Interstate Mill Site in East Fork Ninemile Canyon. EPA will work closely with the Trust to incorporate up-to-date guidance on reducing the risk of contracting COVID-19 during site work.

We know this work poses an inconvenience to residents. Thank you for your patience while we complete these projects. Please contact us if you have concerns.

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